

REVENUE DEPARTMENT[701]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code chapter 17A and section 453B.2, the Department of Revenue hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 91, "Administration of Marijuana and Controlled Substances Stamp Tax," Iowa Administrative Code.

Item 1 reflects that the Department sells four different tax stamps for the four different tax rates rather than three as the existing rule states. The tax stamp for unprocessed marijuana plants was omitted from the existing rule.

Item 2 corrects an Iowa Code reference.

The proposed amendments will not necessitate additional expenditures by political subdivisions or agencies and entities which contract with political subdivisions.

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of these amendments would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any.

The Department has determined that these proposed amendments may have an impact on small business. The Department has considered the factors listed in Iowa Code section 17A.4A. The Department will issue a regulatory analysis as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4A if a written request is filed by delivery or by mailing postmarked no later than March 30, 2009, to the Policy Section, Taxpayer Service and Policy Division, Department of Revenue, Hoover State Office Building, P.O. Box 10457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306. The request may be made by the Administrative Rules Review Committee, the Administrative Rules Coordinator, at least 25 persons signing that request who each qualify as a small business or an organization representing at least 25 such persons.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on these proposed amendments on or before March 17, 2009. Such written comments should be directed to the Policy Section, Taxpayer Service and Policy Division, Department of Revenue, Hoover State Office Building, P.O. Box 10457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

Persons who want to convey their views orally should contact the Policy Section, Taxpayer Service and Policy Division, Department of Revenue, at (515)281-8036 or at the Department of Revenue offices on the fourth floor of the Hoover State Office Building.

Requests for a public hearing must be received by March 20, 2009.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 453B.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule **701—91.2(453B)**, first unnumbered paragraph, as follows:

The director shall offer for sale ~~three~~ four different stamps: (1) a stamp for a substance consisting of or containing marijuana, (2) a stamp for taxable substances other than marijuana which are sold by weight, ~~and~~ (3) a stamp for taxable substances other than marijuana which are not sold by weight, and (4) a stamp for each unprocessed marijuana plant. Each package or container which contains a taxable substance must have a stamp affixed to it. The stamps will be issued in denominations requested by the purchaser so long as the minimum purchase price for a single stamp purchase transaction is \$215 or more. In addition, the denomination of individual stamps cannot be less than the price for ten dosage units, multiples of ten dosage units, one whole gram, or multiples of one gram even if the stamp will be affixed to a package containing less than ten dosage units or multiples thereof, or only a portion of one gram or multiples thereof.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 701—91.3(453B), introductory paragraph, as follows:

701—91.3(453B) Refunds pertaining to unused stamps. At any time up to 30 days after the expiration date as indicated on the stamp, any unused stamp may be returned to the department and a refund requested in accordance with Iowa Code section ~~422.73(2)~~ 422.73(1) and rules promulgated thereunder.